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Appl. No. : 09/542,036 **Confirmation No.:** 4899
Applicant : Hans-Ueli Roeck
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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

The three month response period to the outstanding Office action of September 24, 2003 expired on December 24, 2003. Applicant's attorney hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from December 24, 2003 through January 24, 2004. A check which includes the \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. By this amendment, claims 1-19 (which included multiple dependencies for a previous total of 80 claims) have been canceled. Thirty-six (36) total claims are now pending including five (5) independent claims. A check which includes the \$172.00 additional independent claim fee in excess of three is enclosed. The total enclosed check amount is \$282.00.

In response to the Office action of September 24, 2003, paper no. 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 22 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 22 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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